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WILLIAM MANCHESTER

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Q. ***William Manchester's forthcoming book about the assassination of President Kennedy,*** **The Death of a President—*I'd like to check a few things: Who is Manchester? Did* Look *really pay him $650,000 for 80,000 words of his manuscript? Did Jackie Kennedy censor the book?—Brent W. Logan, Austin, Tex.***

A. Mr. Manchester is managing editor of the Wesleyan University Press. He is on an indefinite leave of absence. *Look* has paid him $650,000 for 80,000 words of his 350,000-word manuscript. Mr. Manchester was officially selected by Mrs. Kennedy to write the authoritative history of the President's assassination. She sat for ten hours of taped interviews. A panel of five Kennedy intimates headed by Arthur Schlesinger Jr. read the finished manuscript, suggested deletions on the grounds of taste, "anti-L.B.J. bias" and threat to the national security. Mr. Manchester made the suggested deletions.